

"NO ABRIDGEMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS' RIGHTS," SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

GAINES TELLS WHY SYSTEM IS NEEDED FOR ROADS

Secretary of Taxpayers Association Believes that Patchwork Would be Unsatisfactory; Must Pay Bills.

TRUNK LINES AFFORD PERMANENT RELIEF

Interest of All will Be Conserved by Securing Thoroughfares Which will Provide for Future.

(By J. N. Gaines, Secretary of Cochise County Taxpayers' Association.)

A brief discussion of the road improvements in Cochise county becomes necessary at this time in order to enlighten the fair minded thinking public who have had no opportunity to become familiar with the proposed systems of roads to be constructed in case a bond issue should be elected for that purpose.

Public roads are for the purposes of providing transportation routes for the people in all communities, enabling them to communicate with people in other communities, commercially and socially, and for the promotion of civilization and the development of settlements and the building of homes. Never for the purpose of serving selfish interests alone, whether it be community or individual.

The promotion of the bond issue for good roads in Cochise county should be placed on such a plane, purged of any self motive, or individual interest.

In the first place the 525 miles of road planned by the Road Bond Association to be constructed at an estimated cost of \$1,210,255.00, to use the county engineer's exact figures, is to be nothing more than a tentative foundation for 525 miles of road to be constructed at some future time if we ever have a system of permanent roads. The business principle involved may be illustrated by imagining a man who expects to build a house, and having enough money to complete a modest, comfortable home, decides to put ALL his money into a foundation for an elaborate mansion, the superstructure to be built at some future time if he happens to ever get enough money to complete it. To be more definite, if the system contemplated and urged by the Road Bond Association is carried out, Cochise county will have 525 miles of country road augmented by bridges and partial construction of roads in the low parts of the country connected by the same country roads on the higher ground, with a better system of drainage than we have at present. In the language of our county engineer expressed at meetings of both the Bond Association and the Taxpayers, his estimate merely contemplated bridges, drainage, and repairs of the roads, taking into consideration all the roads on high ground with nothing more than drainage to be done on them. This statement is made from an understanding of statements made by the county engineer and his confirmation, or correction is admissible.

The Cochise County Taxpayers' Association proposed a system of Trunk Lines, one main line from the New Mexico line running west through Douglas, Bisbee, Tombstone, St. David, Benson, to the Pima county line; another beginning at Wilcox and running south through the Sulphur Springs valley to the point of divergence, where one branch of it turns west toward Bisbee, the other branch south-east toward Douglas, each town being the same mileage from the point of divergence. This road skirts the western more of the farming population on the east side of the road than on the west side of it. The connections with the north end of the central trunk line are links beginning at San Simon, by the way of Bowie, to Wilcox; and from Cochise to Wilcox, enabling people from the north to come to either Bisbee, or Douglas by traveling

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JEFF: McLEMORE IS QUEER NAME OF THIS CONGRESSMAN



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Jeff: McLeMore—not Jefferson or even Jeff, but Jeff—is the congressman-at-large from Texas. He always uses the name. He explains that it is a boyhood fancy that he has clung to. In his autobiography in the Congressional Directory he says he was born "on a farm in Tennessee, on Friday, March 13, in a storm." He says further that he never received much schooling "because of his aversion to teachers." He has been a cowboy, prospector, and newspaper man in Mexico, Colorado and Texas. He is a Democrat and lives in Houston.

EAGLES TO BUILD HOME ON MAIN STREET

Local Fraternal Organization Will Start Erection of Structure on Costello Lot Within Sixty Days.

A ten year lease, with an option to buy the property at the end of that time, has been taken on the Costello lot, on Upper Main Street, by the Bisbee Aerie of Eagles and within sixty days the erection of a \$15,000 home is expected to be under way.

For some months the Eagles have been casting about for a suitable location for a home. After much investigation on the part of a special committee, appointed for that purpose, the lease on the Costello lot was secured. Though plans have not been perfected for the structure the next few days will see active work done and before the sixty day period is completed the lodge will have let the contract for the new building.

According to the temporary plans the first floor will be made into a theatre, seating 1,000 people. From this floor the Eagles expect to derive a very considerable revenue which will enable the lodge, before the lease expires, to purchase the property on which the building will stand.

The Eagles lodge is one of the most prosperous and active fraternal organizations in the Warren District. When the building on the O. K. block site was contemplated the Eagles were handling a third when that project failed to materialize, the members decided that the lodge, of itself, would have a home within a very short period.

To raise the money, in part for the construction of the home, the Eagles have entered into a contract with the Campbell's United Shows to play in the Warren District for one week, beginning March 6. Al Fisher, advance agent of the big carnival company is now in Bisbee making all arrangements for the appearance. One of the features of the week's attraction will be a Queen contest and it is expected this will attract a large share of attention during the week.

OLD MURDER UNEARTHED

SANTA FE, Feb. 24.—Emery Coursey was jailed at Las Vegas on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Clyde Wiggins, foreman of the Mills Ranch in Mora county, whose body was found in a canyon three weeks ago. Wiggins disappeared last July. The arrest followed an investigation by Wiggins' relatives living in Dallas.

ATTITUDE IS MADE CLEAR AND STRONG

Answer to Letter of Inquiry by Senator Stone Results in Some Plain Facts Given in Convincing Manner.

DESIRES TO KEEP U. S. OUT OF WAR.

But Cannot Allow Expediency Take the Place of Principle. "Few Are Know Who Wish to Haul Down Flag."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The President at the end of two days of agitation in Congress on action warning Americans off armed European belligerents wrote Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that he could not consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens.

The letter says in part: "I appreciate your kind and frank letter. I feel it calls for an equally frank reply. You are right in assuming that I will do everything in my power to keep the United States out of war. I think the country can feel no uneasiness of my course in that respect. The course the Central nations have announced for the future in regard to sea warfare seems, for the moment, to threaten unmountable obstacles, but so manifestly inconsistent are the different assurances given I must believe that explanations presently to ensue will put a different aspect on it. In any event my duty is clear.

"No nation or group of nations has the right, while the war is in progress, to disregard the principles which all nations have agreed upon in mitigation of the horrors of war. If the rights of American citizens are abridged or denied we should, it seems to me, have in our honor no choice.

"For my part I cannot consent to any abridgment in any respect. The honor and self respect of the nation is involved. It is important to reflect that if in this instance we allowed expediency to take the place of principle, the door would inevitably be opened to still greater concessions."

The letter was in answer to one written late in the afternoon by Senator Stone outlining the situation in the capital where, since yesterday morning persistent demands were made for some action to lessen the possibility of war between the United States and Germany. The President's statement will be repeated tomorrow to Speaker Clark, Representative Kitchen and Representative Flood, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who after asked an engagement in order to explain the position of the House and asked the President for a statement of the administration's views.

The President wrote the letter, shutting himself in his study while leaders vainly attempted to get him on the telephone. After a telephone conference with his cabinet and other close advisers, his decision was to end all speculation on the position of the government and let Congress and the country know that the Administration believed that the United States could do nothing but stand behind the rights of its citizens and the freedom of the seas.

Representative Glass, of Virginia, issued a statement that he was unable to discover any "revolt" against the President's policy. "There are a few men, but precious few, who seem willing to haul down the American flag and circumscribe the rights of American citizens on the high seas to save a ball or two of cotton.

Stone's letter was written at the request of colleagues who wanted to know the exact attitude of the President before proceeding with the resolution held in Committee denying Americans the right to travel on armed ships of

U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT TRAINING BOYS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE



Washington boys learning the art of war.

The school boys of Washington have taken up the study of national defense and keen "war games" are being waged weekly between opposing teams of the high schools. This is a picture of one of these "war games" being fought under the observation of Lieut. E. Z. Steever, U. S. A., attached to the general staff, who has been detailed to this work by the war department. Lieut. Steever has four classes a week in military maneuvers with the boys and they march, countermarch and hurl their armies at each other just as the veterans do in the war councils. The boys are from fourteen to eighteen years of age.

LACK OF QUORUM ONLY PREVENTS CONFIRMATION

Senators Borah, Smith and Fall Oppose Any Action that Would Make Senate Recognize Carranza.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Only the lack of a quorum prevented the confirmation in the Senate of the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador to the de facto Mexican government. Rollcall showed thirty-four affirmative and twelve negative votes. This was three short of a quorum. The Senate then adjourned. The confirmation will be up tomorrow for final vote when the Administration senators said Fletcher would be confirmed without difficulty.

The Senate reached a vote on the nomination after an hour's debate. Opposition speeches were made by Borah, Smith and Fall, all of whom declared the confirmation of the nomination would be committing the "Senate to the Administration's recognition of the Carranza government."

They vigorously opposed this because they didn't believe in the reported stability of the de facto government and predicted it would not accomplish the purpose of organizing a constitutional government. There was no opposition to Fletcher personally.

MORE FLOOD DISTRESS

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—The improved conditions of flood victims at New Orleans and St. Joseph were offset by appeals to aid three Louisiana towns previously not reported in distress. Hundreds about the Bayou of Corbaleau were driven from their homes and are suffering from lack of food. There is much suffering at Seena and Deer Park. An appeal for help was received at Natchez from Acme with reports of distress from Monterey, Lane Landing, Eva, Chevy, and other towns on Black River.

KILLS IN FRIENDLY BOUT.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—During a friendly bout between William Hildebrandt and August Naisel, both fourteen, at school, Hildebrandt was struck on the jaw and died in a few minutes. Naisel's grief was so great that he was placed in the care of a physician.

SCHOONER BLOWS UP.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—The Fishing schooner Mary Santos, with three on board, was blown up in the harbor by an explosion of gasoline being taken aboard from an oil barge. Two were killed, one is missing and ten are injured.

belligerent nations. Stone said the "situation in Congress was such as to excite concern in the minds of all."

WAR IN AMERICA.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 24.—Two men who say they are Austrians are held in jail following an attack on a Great Northern freight train, loaded with war munitions for Russia. They are members of the band who cut air hose of the train and divided it into five sections before being driven off by the crew who captured the two.

3000 WILL VOTE AT THE SPRING ELECTION

City Clerk Gives Some Figures on Last Registration. Women Are Expected to Take Much Larger Interest.

That the registration for the city election will approximate three thousand is the opinion of M. L. Butler, city clerk. That official expects a material increase over that of 1914, partly from a natural increase in the number of people in the city and also from the fact that more women are expected to take an active part in the elections this year.

The number registered in the 1914 election was 2847. Of this number 757 were women. The city clerk, who had the last registration, expects this number to be materially increased by May 12, when the registration books close.

Some of the peculiarities of the registration were explained by Butler and will be of an informing nature to the majority of the people in the city.

In the first place only four days from March 28, will be available to register before the primaries. This applies, however, only to those who did not register in the spring of 1914. Those who did register two years ago, consequently, will not have to register for the primary, but will have to register for the city election.

Butler said, last evening, that in all probability there would be some provision made for those to register on primary day as it was a foregone conclusion that many, who did not register at the last election, will want to vote and will be unable to unless they secure a duplicate of their registration for the coming election.

Another light, thrown on the matter of registration, is the fact that no declaration of party will be required in the city elections. It was thought that recent legislation, enacted by the state legislature, would force those who wish-

GRAFT CHARGES MAY REACH THE GRAND JURY

Chicago Political Scandal, Now Being Investigated by Council and Civil Service Commission of City.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Grand jury action appeared among the possibilities in connection with the "split" in salary charges of Mrs. Page Waller Eaton against Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, Commissioner of Public Welfare. The council committee voted to recommend that evidence be heard but it will be presented to the state's attorney with the request that he submit it to the grand jury, if it seemed such action was warranted.

Charges that she paid a part of her salary to Mrs. Rowe were made under oath before the council committee by Mrs. Eaton, a former superintendent in the welfare department.

Two investigating boards will hear the testimony concerning the charges. On completing the testimony before the council committee, Mrs. Eaton went before the Civil Service Commission investigators.

Alderman Rodriguez, who presented the charges to the council, testified to seeing Mrs. Eaton place money in an envelope and giving it to Mrs. Rowe. Rodriguez testified in both investigations. Fulton Gardner also told the Civil Service investigators he saw Mrs. Eaton give an envelope with money to Mrs. Rowe.

COTTON RELEASED.

CALEXICO, Feb. 24.—Consignments of cotton held at Mexicali, opposite here, since Sunday as the result of an imposition of a new export duty of \$10 per bale by the Carranza government, were released by Governor Cantu, pending final action by Carranza. Cantu allowed the movement of the cotton into the United States upon payment of the original export duty of \$2 per bale.

The action of Cantu followed representations American cotton growers in Lower California made.

BRITISH LINER GUARDED.

SEATTLE, Feb. 24.—When the British freighter Talthybius docked here every approach was guarded as a result of an anonymous threat that the liner's \$8,500,000 cargo was marked for destruction by alleged German spies.

The Talthybius brought five thousand tons of rubber worth \$5,000,000 from Singapore, which will be rushed east to use in American factories in making war supplies.

ed to vote in the city primaries to declare their politics. City Attorney Flanagan gives it as his opinion that this is only necessary in county and state elections.

GREAT BATTLE WAGED NEAR VERDUN IN WEST

German Emperor Inspires His Troops in Effort to Take One of the Greatest French Forts Along the Line.

DEFENDERS DRIVEN BACK IN PLACES

Battlefield is Said to be Covered with Dead As the Result of the Attacks. Russians Active in Caucasus.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Inspired by the presence of the Emperor, and led by the Crown Prince, the German troops are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the war on the western front, centering around Verdun. Attack followed by attack against the French lines after a bombardment, incessant and terrific, which continued for several days.

While the Germans were unable to break the French lines, despite the rain of shells and furious infantry onslaughts, they have forced the withdrawal of the French right and left wings to the south of Ornans, and behind Samogneux, six miles north of the fortress. The French guns answered shell for shell and casualties on both sides were heavy.

The French report battlefield between the Meuse and Ornes is piled with German dead. At the north end of the line, near Hullych, the British exploded a mine in an occupied crater and also bombarded the German trenches at Prelingheim and Boesinghe.

On the Russian front from Riga to east Galicia an engagement at various points is reported with no great results. In the Caucasus the Russians continue to press back the Turks. There is the usual activities on the Austro-Italian fronts. The official announcement is made by the Japanese Diet that Japan does not intend to send troops to aid the Russians. Earl Derby has accepted the chairmanship of the joint army and navy board, which will control the British air service.

DECORATE JOAN D'ARC

PARIS, Feb. 24.—The English Parliamentary mission which is visiting Paris deposited a wreath of palms at the foot of the statue of Joan d'Arc in the Place de Pyramides. It bore an inscription declaring it to be a "symbol of complete reconciliation between the two countries at the moment when both peoples are united in the same sentiment and veneration for the heroine of old France, to defend together the liberty of the world."

In a unanimously signed statement issued by the Anglo-French parliamentary committee, it declared the visit of the British Parliamentarians and their conferences with the French parliamentary delegation resulted in a close community in views. It affirms the desire of the signers to see the war conducted with a greater co-ordination of energy.

OFFICIALS APPROVED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Officials of the Pan-American Commission Corporation, formed by American financiers to handle the marketing of the sisal crop of Yucatan and now under investigation by a Senate committee, secured the approval of officials of the Justice, Treasury and State Departments before the organization of the concern, according to testimony given by Lynn Dinkins, of New Orleans, a banker and vice president of the Sisal Corporation, before the committee.

REFUSAL APPLAUDED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The American group of the Interparliamentary Union, composed of members and former members of Congress, approved unanimously the act of officers in declining to join delegates of the Parliaments of the Neutral Conference to be held this spring. It is held the time is inopportune.